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1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS RELEASED IN NEW YORK ON MAY 23 BY CYPRUS FM ROLANDIS AS A REACTION TO DENKTASH'S STATEMENT ISSUED EARLIER THE SAME DAY:

- QTE: MR. DENKTASH HAS MADE A NEW STATEMENT BUT THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN IT. HE PRESENTS AGAIN TO THE WHOLE WORLD HIS WELL KNOWN 'WHATEVER-WE-HAVE-OCCUPIED-IS-OURS', PROPOSALS DECORATED WITH CLEVERLY DRAFTED ORNAMENTAL PHRASEOLOGY. THE ESSENCE IS THE SAME, NAMELY:

- 1. OUT OF THE 40PC OF CYPRUS TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY THE TURKISH ARMY HE OFFERS BACK LESS THAN 1 1/2PC OF UNIMPORTANT UNPRODUCTIVE LAND. NOTHING MORE.

- 2. ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE HE PROPOSES EQUAL PARTNERSHIP OF THE EIGHTY TWO PER CENT GREEK MAJORITY WITH

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THE TURKISH MINORITY OF EIGHTEEN PER CENT. FURTHERMORE, THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE IS TANTAMOUNT TO DEADLOCK AND PARTITION.

- 3. ON THE QUESTION OF PART OF THE TOWN OF VAROSHA HE INVITES SOME GREEK CYPRIOT INHABITANTS TO RETURN UNDER CONDITIONS OF OCCUPATION. THE OFFER IS SIMPLY REPEATED

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IN HIS NEW STATEMENT.

- 4. REGARDING THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT AND THE RIGHT TO PROPERTY, HE OFFERS NOTHING NEW AND CONCRETE. NOTHING MORE THAN VAGUE TALK.

- MR. DENKTASH TRIES TO CONVINCE THE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION THAT HE IS FULL OF GOODWILL AND FLEXIBILITY, BUT THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS PROPOSALS COULD NOT BE MORE NEGATIVE. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN THE WINDOWDRESSING OF MR. DENKTASH. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN HIS NO-FRILLS OFFER, WHICH, AS IT STANDS, IS THAT WE SHOULD LEGALISE THE OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS BY TURKEY. WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ALONG THESE LINES.

- HOWEVER, WHAT IS MORE SURPRISING IS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE THE UNPRECEDENTED MOVE OF BECOMING THE ADVOCATE OF MR. DENKTASH. THE PROMOTION OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN ON A JOINT-VENTURE BASIS BY DENKTASH AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN.
- IF THE GOODWILL IS THERE INDEED, WE WOULD RATHER LIKE TO SEE IT IN THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS AND NOT IN THEIR WRAPPING. END QTE. YOUNG

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